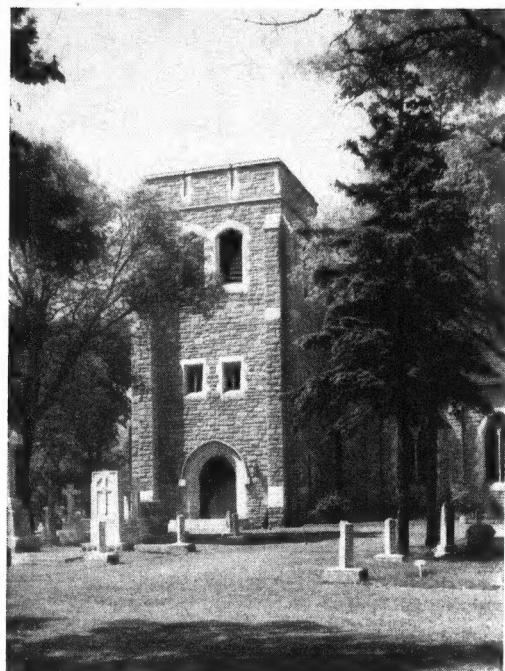


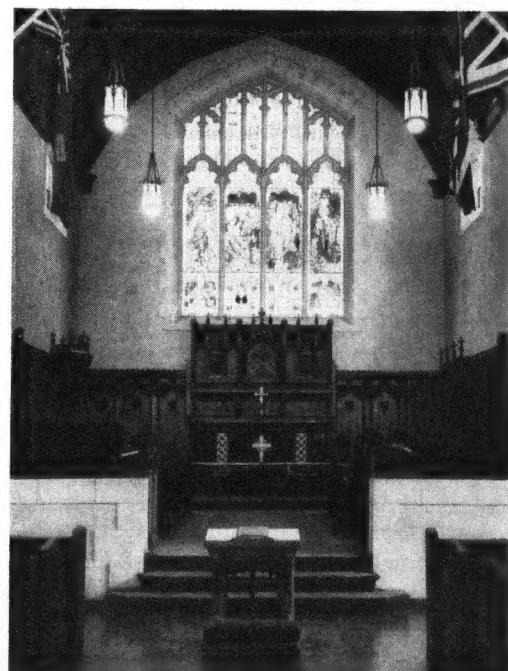
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*The Tower  
Entrance*

# St. John's Cathedral

Winnipeg



*The Sanctuary  
and  
Great "East" Window*

## *Historic St. John's*

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In a time-honored and beautiful churchyard, near the northern extremity of Winnipeg, stands the majestic Anglican Cathedral of St. John's; the Metropolitan Church of the vast Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land. Time was when Rupert's Land was a wilderness inhabited almost entirely by Indians and Fur Traders. Then in 1812 the first settlers arrived, and in the same year started what is now St. John's Cemetery.

Eight years passed before the first Protestant Minister in Western Canada arrived at this spot, then known as the Red River Settlement. He was Rev. John West, an Anglican Missionary. There was no building suitable for a church in the settlement when Mr. West arrived, but the Hudson's Bay Company gave him the use of one of their buildings, first at Fort Douglas and later at Fort Garry.

In 1821 Mr. West, with the assistance of the Church Missionary Society of England, and the Hudson's Bay Company, started the erection of a modest little church. It was built of logs and rough hewn lumber and stood about 100 yards south east of the present Cathedral. This humble little place of worship has had three worthy successors. In 1833 a stone church was built, immediately south of the present day building. It was known as the "Red River Church" until 1839 when the then incumbent, Rev. (later Archdeacon) William Cockran gave it the name of "Upper Church".

One hundred years ago there arrived at the Red River Settlement the first Bishop of Rupert's Land. He was Bishop David Anderson. The "Upper Church" then became, in effect, the first Cathedral and was consecrated and named "St. John's" by Bishop Anderson in 1853.

The third church on this site was built in 1861. It was an unpretentious stone building, but became steeped in a glorious history.

The present stately Cathedral was built in 1926, under the guidance and inspiration of the late Archbishop S. P. Matheson. It was regarded by him as a tribute and memorial to his predecessor, Archbishop Robt. Machray. Archbishop Machray who succeeded Bishop Anderson in 1865 had given unsparingly of his time and

talents to St. John's and the Diocese of Rupert's Land for almost forty years.

The attention of visitors is respectfully directed to the following items of historic interest:-

The beautiful cemetery grounds, and graves of the pioneers of this western land.

The stones set in the interior walls of the two main entrances came from various parts of the world.

The beautiful Italian marble font near the rear of the building, which was dedicated to the memory of Bishop Anderson.

The memorial tablets on the walls, dating back to over 100 years.

The hand carved oak pulpit, an outstanding piece of the craftsman's art. This was dedicated to the memory of Archbishop Robt. Machray.

The impressive stained glass windows, said to be among the most beautiful in North America. The great "East" window is of special significance historically. It contains in the two central panels at the base, a portrait of Archbishop Machray and the Coat of Arms of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, impaled with the Machray Arms. At the top of the window are the Coats of Arms of the Province of Manitoba; the Hudson's Bay Company and the Coats of Arms of the several Dioceses, other than Rupert's Land, which about 20 years ago constituted the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

In each panel of the Reredos at the back of the Chancel there is depicted an event in the crucifixion of Christ. The exquisite needle-work on the altar and other frontals is the work of Mrs. S. P. Matheson.

We invite you to rest and pray in our peaceful little Chapel, the entrance to which is at the left of the Chancel.

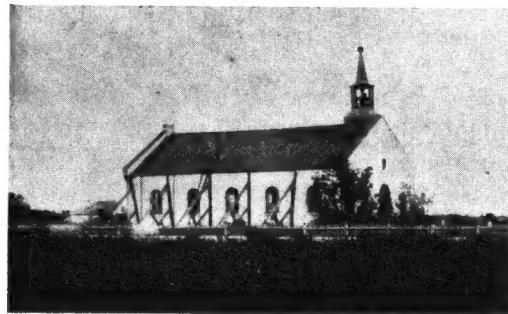
Before leaving the Cathedral, you are cordially invited to sign the visitor's register in the tower entrance, using the chair and desk used by the highest dignitaries of our Church and of the Dominion of Canada, as well as by lay men and women from all parts of the world.

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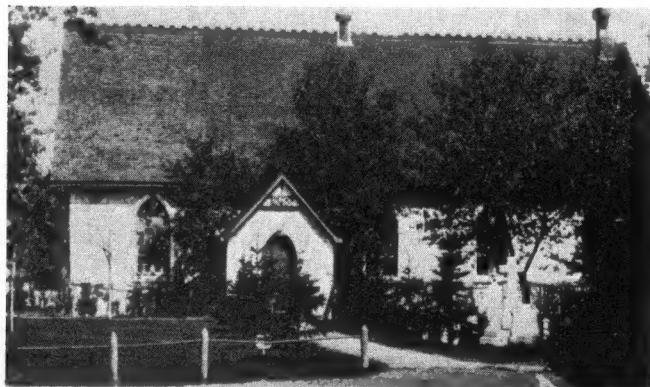
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The first St. John's. Built in 1822 and known as the  
"Church Mission House"



The second St. John's. "The Red River Church"  
erected in 1833



The third St. John's, (second Cathedral), built 1861.